

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2022 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SB39CS(JUD)-OOG-DOE-4-13-22  
Title: BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG;  
MAIL  
Sponsor: SHOWER  
Requester: Senate Judiciary

Department: Office of the Governor  
Appropriation: Elections  
Allocation: Elections  
OMB Component Number: 21

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 03/01/23

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated for Senate Judiciary bill version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

The fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be determined because the proposed processes need to be fully evaluated in conjunction with the division's current procedures to determine what is additional and what is duplicative. New processes will need to be integrated and that is what could drive the costs.

There will be costs associated with reprinting all questioned ballot envelopes, absentee in person ballot envelopes, special need ballot envelopes, absentee by mail envelopes and multiple division forms (such as voter registration form, absentee ballot application, posters and stickers). Costs associated with enhancements required to the voter registration and election management system to accommodate voter language preference. Increased costs for ballot printing in multiple languages and other forms that would require translation. There will be costs associated with ballot security and chain of custody. Additional costs for ballot printing to include a watermark. Costs associated to staff an election offense hotline for 24 hours after polls close until election certification (approximately 25 days). There will be costs to implement risk limited audits, signature verification and cure process, forensic examinations, ballot tracking and paid postage for by mail ballots.

The division estimates the initial cost to implement this legislation to be at minimum \$7,000,000.00, with undetermined ongoing annual costs.

Lastly, there will be costs associated with purchasing a new open source ballot tabulation system in later fiscal years. This is estimated to be at least \$5,000,000, with undetermined ongoing annual costs.